P = -- x -- N F.

where BR is the bit rate of said second digital signal, and n, is the [average] number of samples of said information whose corresponding information in said second signal is included in one frame of said second signal,

 $\rho$  if P is an integer, the number of information packets in one frame is P, and

if P is not an integer, the number of information packets in a number [B]  $\underline{v}$  of the frames is P', where P' is the highest integer whose value is less than P; and the number of information packets in a number  $\underline{w}$  of the other frames is P' + 1, the [number B] numbers  $\underline{v}$  and  $\underline{w}$  being selected such that the average frame rate of said second digital signal is substantially equal to F,/n,, and that each frame comprises at least a first frame portion including synchronizing information.

24 30 (twice amended) A transmitter for transmitting wide-band digital information having a sample frequency F, via a transmission medium, comprising:

an input terminal for receiving said information to be transmitted, in the form of a first digital signal,

an output, and

a signal source, having an input coupled to said input terminal, for generating and supplying to said output a second digital signal which includes said information, said second digital signal comprising consecutive frames, each frame

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comprising a plurality of information packets, and each information packet comprising N bits, where N > 1, characterized in that, in the formula

$$P = -- \times --$$

$$N \qquad F_{3}$$

where BR is the bit rate of said second digital signal, and n, is the [average] number of samples of said information whose corresponding information in said second signal is included in one frame of said second signal,

 $\label{eq:problem} \mbox{if $P$ is an integer, the number of information packets} \\ \mbox{in one frame is $P$, and}$ 

if P is not an integer, the number of information packets in a number [B]  $\underline{v}$  of the frames is P', where P' is the highest integer whose value is less than P; and the number of information packets in a number  $\underline{w}$  of the other frames is P' + 1, the [number B] numbers  $\underline{v}$  and  $\underline{w}$  being selected such that the average frame rate of said second digital signal is substantially equal to F,/n,, and that each frame comprises at least a first frame portion including synchronizing information.

26 32. (twice amended) A receiver for receiving wide-band digital information having a sample frequency F, transmitted over a transmission medium, having an output at which said information is provided in the form of a first digital signal, and a decoder for receiving said information in the form of an encoded second digital signal which comprises consecutive

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frames, each frame comprising a plurality of information packets, and each information packet comprising N bits, where  $N\,>\,1$ ,

characterized in that, in the formula

$$P = -- \times --$$

$$N \qquad F_{s}$$

where BR is the bit rate of said second digital signal, and n, is the [average] number of samples of said information whose corresponding information in said second signal is included in one frame of said second signal,

 $\label{eq:problem} \mbox{if $P$ is an integer, the number of information packets} \\ \mbox{in one frame is $P$, and} \\$ 

if P is not an integer, the number of information packets in a number [B] <u>v</u> of the frames is P', where P' is the highest integer whose value is less than P; and the number of information packets in <u>a number w of</u> the other frames is P' + 1, the [number B] <u>numbers v and w</u> being selected such that the average frame rate of said second digital signal is substantially equal to F<sub>3</sub>/n<sub>3</sub>, and that each frame comprises at least a first frame portion including synchronizing information.

## REMARKS

## Specification

The specification is further amended to eliminate errors inadvertently resulting from the concurrent preliminary

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